

DEALING DEATH

FOUR MURDERERS EXPIATE THEIR

A Woman and a Man Hanged at Newark, N. J.—Fitting Scene at the Hanging of Two Men in Philadelphia—Fatal Varnish Explosion.

On the morning, stragglers could be seen cautiously inspecting the outside of the jail in which Mrs. Meirhoffer and Frank Lamm were kept. A drizzling rain, which had lasted all night, had covered the houses, sidewalks and roadways with a coating of ice, and the glimmer of the gas jets in the street made every icicle, tree and bush sparkle. The early comers saw nothing, of course, as the late comers did not, except a detail of policemen and

Deputy sheriffs. The new law which originated as a result of the disgusting and embarrassing of Hunter at Qauden, two years ago, provided that none should accept those whose business it was to appear officially, were admitted. The law provides for the presence of a jury representing the sheriff, for seventeen Deputy Sheriffs, the sheriff's spiritual advisors, and two members of the public. The law also condemned the sheriff to be present only in the office of counsel. This is the first time the law has been carried out so as to attract public attention, the only other capital case in the state since it went into effect having been the case of the Newton some months ago, and which did not attract the same particular interest. So strictly has the law been interpreted by Sheriff Van Rensselaer and Judge Depeu that the Sheriff felt obliged to appoint his own regular

to assist him, and in the absence of the actual members of the family of the two criminals, did not feel at liberty to fill their places with strangers. On the appointment of his jury Judge Depue on the day of sentence appointed as its foreman Director Doremus, the head of the Essex county freeholders. Mayor Gedler's name is the second on the list. The other ten places are divided between newspaper men and physicians, there being only one of the former.

the former, representing all the local people, and the latter, representing all the residents of the country. None of the jurors were consulted as to their appointment, and none were allowed to withdraw in favor of others. They act independently as officers of the court, to which they are obliged to report officially. One of the prisoners in the main corridor was to read, and some of them were not asleep. The night was passing the night. They had been listening to the noise of the erection of the gallows until midnight, and their dim and shadowy faces could be seen in the candlelight peering through the bars of the three tiers of cells facing the main corridor, from most of which a stream of tobacco smoke was rising.

The prisoners were removed before the execution began and none of the prisoners had a glimpse of the execution.

Mrs. Meirhofer was hanged at 10:30. Mrs. Lammens an hour later. No confession was made by either.

The crime for which Lammens and Mrs. Meirhofer died was the murder of the latter's husband. Lammens was in his employ, and an unlawful affection growing up between Lammens and Mrs. Meirhofer, her husband was put out of the way. Each charged the crime upon the other.

"LORD GOD, HAVE MERCY."

Dancing of Two Murderers in Philadelphia—Pitiful Scene at the Scaffold—A Prayer Borne by the Fall.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., January 6.—Patrick Kehring and Daniel F. Sullivan were

His morning at 10:37 in the prison here. The execution was witnessed only by inmates, a priest and a sworn jury. When both men left their cells accompanied by the priest, they were apparently firm and resigned, and was hoped the dreadful scene would be as painless as possible, but when the last prayers had been said, Hayes, whose face was covered with bandages, hiding the wounds he had received when he had tried to commit suicide, turned the number of his wife, arose from his knees and tried to address the spectators.

"Don't, Hayes," said the priest. "Die with the name of God on your lips." "I quit to you," said the wretched prisoner, that drink drove me to this. I am not a man, am I?" and he turned to the priest.

It was a very painful moment for all, and the Sheriff tried to place the rope around a neck.

Sullivan had been standing on the trap door, pouring the words out. "I am going to say a word or two. I am going to heaven. I am weak in body, but I am strong in soul, for I am going to meet my God. I want to give my blessing!"

The priest, Father Masterson, again stepped forward. "I have no more to say. I have only a few words more to say on earth, and I want to say them. I give you all my blessing; didn't intend to murder my wife!"

Sullivan had been standing on the trap door for half an hour. His face was the liveliest of red. "I am going to give you my view. Hayne's voice was still in my prayer, and when the bolt was drawn I never cut short his speech at the words, 'Lord God, have mercy.'"

It was the most painful scene ever witnessed in the courtroom in thirty years. Hayne's neck was broken. Sullivan was strangled and died hard.

ANOTHER FATAL EXPLOSION IN NEW YORK.

Carelessness Causes a Casualty Which Will Probably Cost Four Men Their Lives.

NEW YORK, January 6.—This forenoon an explosion of varnish took place in Peter Kelgar's brewery, 1106 First avenue, by which four men were so badly injured that they must, in all probability, lose their lives. The men were varnishing barrels in the varnish room, when a lamp was incautiously brought too near the in-

flammable fluid. The fumes of the varnish were ignited, and with a flash the vat containing it was on fire. An explosion as loud as a clap of thunder followed, and the burning fluid was scattered through the room in all directions, with sundered waves of the varnish barrel. It fell upon the workmen like a shower of fire, and with blazing clothes and beards, they ran from the room shouting for help. Their fellow-workmen, alarmed by the explosion, came to their rescue promptly; but before the burning clothes could be torn from their

the, the four men were most fearfully mangled. Efforts were made to extinguish the fire in the parlor room. The police were called and ambulances telephoned for from the nearest station. The sufferers were taken to Bellevue Hospital, where physicians declared their injuries fatal. The names of the men are: J. Charlie, aged 27, No. 1028 First avenue; John Flame, aged 30, No. 1068 First avenue; Anton Winkavsek, aged 32, No. 1007 First avenue; Wm. Brown, aged 20, c. 999 Second avenue.